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On the Cover

An interesting experiment in racial harmony took place at St. Davids, when a party of school-leavers from Baptist Mills School joined forces to clear a beach.

The project was jointly organised by The Christian Education Movement, the Bristol Association of Youth Clubs and Toc H Western Region represented by Donovan Cattell, Projects leader at the Bristol Centre.

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we're all german jews

I don't know whether I'm an anarchist at heart but I find the widespread student unrest a very encouraging phenomenon. Perhaps it's simply that, never having been in a position of authority, I don't feel threatened by the attempt to break away from the old hierarchy of age and status. It's interesting, incidentally, how much more favourably the activities of the French students were reported. The British press presumably dislikes de Gaulle even more than it dislikes long hair and beards.

There is a sense in which the students, at Hornsey as much as at the Sorbonne, are groping after a new form of democracy, a democracy which will give its members opportunities for participation more far-reaching than the occasional visit to the polling booth. There is a sense, also, in which they are groping after a new, less materialistic, structure of society. All this is in its initial stages and it is too early to say what, if anything, will be achieved. It is surely clear, however, that things can never be quite the same again.

However this may be there is at least one facet of the student revolt which I believe that we in Toc H should welcome—the internationalism of the students, their refusal to

accept the racial and national labels with which society likes to categorise us. This attitude is best summarised in the slogan with which the attempt to discredit Cohn-Bendit was met—"We're all German Jews" (and in the reported comment of an African student—"It's a little improbable in my case, but never mind").

This recognition that we're all members of the human race is in marked contrast to the usual glib generalisations, designed to pigeonhole people rather than to understand them. It surely echoes the Toc H insistence on treating people as people rather than as puppets whose individuality is smothered by labels of class or status. Toc H protests against, in T. S. Eliot's phrase, "the eyes that fix you in a formulated phrase". To avoid treating people as human beings by fixing them in a formulated phrase is all too easy but it is to betray the gospel we exist to spread.

We, too, are all German Jews. We are all lazy blacks. We are all dangerous reds (and bloated capitalists). We are all bearded wierdies (and sober-suited squares). Or, rather, neither we nor anyone else are any of these things. For no human being can be summed up in thoughtless and de-humanising phrases of this kind.

K. P. B.



Photo Royal Nat. MDSF.

COLIN CAMPBELL *Public Relations Secretary*

The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen invited us to the Première of their new film at the New Gallery Theatre in London's Regent Street. "FOR THOSE IN PERIL" is a beautifully photographed and moving account of the daily hazards and discomforts that face the distant water trawlerman, and of the dedicated Mission men who serve them and their families.

Human tragedy is so often a nine day wonder. A brief introduction to this film recalls the loss, early this year, of three Hull ships, "St. Romanus", "Kingston Peridot" and "Ross Cleveland"—three in nine days. The gale sequences that follow leave little room for wonder.

Such losses make deep demands upon the

spiritual and physical resources of the Mission. The film delicately understates the comfort and help that were extended to just one nineteen year old wife and mother, and mother to be, whose husband was lost when the Hull freezer "St. Finbarr" caught fire off the coast of Labrador on Christmas Day, 1966.

Happily this is not everyday work for the Mission Superintendent. Much of it concerns the new breed of young men coming into Britain's fishing industry nowadays from all walks of life and all parts of the country, young men with no fishing family background. We talked to one of the Mission men about his work. We asked him whether he ever found Toc H co-operation helpful.

Vernon Carey, now stationed in Aberdeen but formerly in Hull, was a merchant seaman before he joined the Mission. He had warm memories himself of Toc H in Malta, Hull and elsewhere. "We're always glad to have Toc H handy. It's somewhere our young men can go instead of staying around the Mission all the time when they're in port. We know it's Christian but it's got a good social angle as well and they get a warm welcome. I wish we had it everywhere."

"FOR THOSE IN PERIL". A 20 minute 16mm film (sound and colour, also available in 35mm). Obtainable on free loan on application to: Rank Film Library, 1 Aintree Road, Perivale, Greenford, Middlesex.

Enquiries for speakers, with or without a film, should be addressed to the National Organiser for Public Relations and Appeals: Mr. A. C. Everett, 57 Malden Hill, West Malden, Surrey. (01-942 5520).

Disaster is not everyday work for the mission. Much time is spent with the new breed of young men entering the industry. Many of them with no previous experience of deep sea fishing.

Photo Royal Nat. MDSF.



welcome point

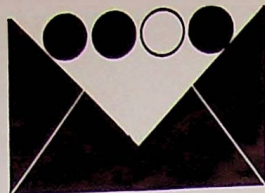
The following Branches elected new members during June:

- 5—Ecclesfield (W.A.).
- 3—Branksome, Carlisle (W.A.), Seaton Carew (W.A.).
- 2—Buckland (Dover), Central, Deal & Walmer (W.A.), Hayling Island, Humberstone (W.A.), Maghull Station (W.A.), Norwich (W.A.), Otley, Shavington, Wadhurst (Joint), West Midlands Area.
- 1—Bletchley, Boscombe, Bristol (W.A.), Brookfield, Codsall (W.A.), Eastern London Area, Eastleigh (Joint), Edinburgh, Ipswich (W.A.), Llanarmon-yn-Ial, Llanelli (Joint), Malton (W.A.), Mark III, Milton & Eastney, Mundesley, North Ormesby, Shrewsbury (W.A.), Sittingbourne (W.A.), Southern Area, Tottenham (W.A.), Troon, Wroughton (W.A.).

58 new members were elected during June, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

HAVE SUITS—NO HANGERS!

More than 1,000 dresses, suits and coats were collected by Kettering Toc H Branch before they realised that they had insufficient hangers to display them on during their summer Fashion Fair. So they appealed in the local newspaper. That's one way to get publicity!



The Councillor's role

The June issue reports the following statement, made by a Central Councillor—"The function of the Council is nebulous and in need of redefining".

The Royal Charter states in bye-law 13: "The business of the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be to receive and consider the Annual Report of the Central Executive Committee, to consider the accounts. . . . All other business transacted at the Annual Meeting . . . shall be deemed special".

This formula has been adequate over the years for raising almost any subject for the welfare and progress of Toc H. Provision is made in bye-law 10 for convening a Special Meeting of the Council should the need arise.

The Central Council/Central Executive relation is stated in Article of Association X(5): "Subject to the supreme control of the Council . . . the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the Association shall be vested in the Central Executive Committee".

This is the "set up", and it has not hitherto inhibited wide expression of opinion on matters of policy-making, as many a Council report witnesses.

Tom Baker,

Middlesbrough, Teesside.

Senator Kennedy

What the world needs today more than anything else, I feel, is resolve, and a firm determination to steer clear of all subversive influence. I have a deep and sincere desire to see justice done. Fairmindedness and humility are two of the criteria on which to base our lives. So many good things have happened in this century—the abolition of the slave trade in many countries, improvement in industrial working conditions, and the tremendous advance in medical research.

Toc H has grown into an influential organisation extending to the far reaches of the world, an influence for good and a mediator in vital problems which beset each nation.

The death of Senator Kennedy has stirred us to the depths; we are tempted to despair. On the face of it there is not one shred of comfort to be found in such a tragic occurrence. However, though he is no longer with us, his spirit and example will live on.

M. Hazel Allen

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

displaying your old rubbish

When you have been bitten by the publicity bug, especially local publicity, almost any old rubbish is immediately transformed in your mind into a display aid of some kind. Because of three old prams, found on a dump by a Sports Club five years ago, a town in the home counties now has an annual pram race for charity. The idea raised £75 in the first year.

Paint, wood shavings, silver paper, hard-board pieces, jam pot lids, old lino, metal swarf all have their uses if you are alert to the possibilities.

Kitchen foil makes excellent background material. All you need is a large strip which is screwed into a tight ball and then carefully opened again. Paste the sheet on to a firm backing and you have instant visual appeal. By cutting coloured paper from magazines into odd shapes and then sticking them in an arranged bunch onto the foil you have accomplished a most pleasing and economical display.

Don't throw away old paint. It comes in handy for decorating stalls and floats. And saves money too. Fretwork cuttings properly painted and suspended from wire are

intriguing to the public. By adding your message to the pieces you achieve, without difficulty, the hardest task of all. Getting your point remembered when the public has turned away. I will discuss in more detail in a later column some of the adhesive letters available for signwriting.

Many different kinds of tinsel and coloured adhesive tapes are available now, and these can take most of the heartache away for the amateur publicity man. Ask your stationers to obtain a full list of Gosheron and Sellotape products, and particularly ask to see double-sided tape. This is a real help when preparing display material.

Decorated cardboard boxes are ideal for dumper bins and literature dispensers. Ask your grocer to put a few big ones aside and use them for your next campaign.

Space prevents me from explaining in detail how everything can be used, but with a little initiative you will discover your own ways. And then you can tell me about it.

Send in your Branch ideas, this column is already proving to be of much value to smaller and creatively less endowed Branches.

H.G.

Michael Sherwin, of the Tower Hill Toc H Mobile Action group, writes about the Cambridge House Literacy Scheme in which several members of the group serve as tutors.

can't you read?

Paddy is a young man who has always thought of himself as illiterate. His parents settled in Peckham when he was about seven, and he was very behind when he first went to primary school. He thought therefore that he was backward, and never learned anything. In fact he is very bright and now, at 28, has been appointed foreman in an engineering works. He had never told anyone he couldn't read, and nearly turned down the promotion because he thought people would find out. Paddy is just one of over 250 people who have been given individual tuition in reading and writing under the Cambridge House Literacy Scheme.

It is temptingly easy to assume that ten years' compulsory schooling means that all but a handful of ineducable children leave school able to read and write, and that we are therefore working our way towards a totally



Illustrated by Huw Gibbs

literate society. There is a paucity of statistical research into the extent of illiteracy in Britain, and such statistics as are available concern 15 year olds only, but the Ministry of Education pamphlet "Progress and Standards in Reading" (HMSO 1957) suggests that in 1956 48% of 15 year olds had reading ages which could be described as below average: 4% were semi-literate and 21% backward.

There are physical, psychological and neurological reasons why a child may find it difficult to learn to read and write. Hearing and sight are the most important physical factors. A number of children suffer from dyslexia, which is a specific mental blockage against the process of learning to read and write, parallel to tone deafness in music. In its manifestations (which is what the teachers have to deal with) it is very difficult to distinguish between dyslexia and low I.Q.

Sense of Shame

The large classes in infant schools, where children begin to learn to read and write, make teaching that much more difficult, and the largest classes are often to be found in areas in which the home background is most prejudicial to education. A few education authorities are employing additional part-time teaching staff in the junior schools to cope with backward children: unless they catch up by secondary school age they will find themselves at such a disadvantage that their formal education may go by default. Once they have entered employment they may realise the value of literacy but by that time the easy opportunities will have been lost.

The effects of illiteracy in our present society are quite clear. A person who is unable to read or write is culturally deprived—he cannot read books or newspapers, or write letters. Illiteracy lowers the job ceiling and brings with it a sense of shame: society still looks on educational failure as being the fault of the person concerned, so the illiterate feels that he has failed in the moral duty of making himself equal with everyone else.

The ideal would be to have a force of trained, paid teachers who would visit pupils homes, but this would be too costly for any authority to contemplate. In the absence of this, the Cambridge House Literacy Scheme has been set up.

This Scheme started at Cambridge House, a settlement in South East London, in 1963. Volunteers at Cambridge House accepted the responsibility of giving individual tuition to certain illiterate members of a youth club there. In 1965 it was realised that if tutors were to be made available for all the pupils who required lessons, they would have to be recruited from sources outside Cambridge House. In November 1965 advertisements for volunteer tutors in "New Society" and "New Statesman" produced over 300 replies. A short introductory course was held at Cambridge House and suitable volunteers were enrolled as tutors. This process has been repeated several times since, and a number of Toc H volunteers have enrolled. Pupils are referred to the Scheme by a variety of social agencies, such as Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Youth Employment Offices and Probation and Child Care Offices. The Scheme, through its Director, is responsible for matching pupil and tutor, and the tutor makes a monthly progress report. Expert advice is available to tutors if required. The Scheme itself is financed by three Trusts and a grant from the Inner London Education Authority.

The Cambridge House Literacy Scheme is based on London, but already the idea has spread to a number of other cities. Clearly, however, a great deal more in the way of expansion is required if all the nation's Paddys are to be given the chance to become literate.

Note: Any readers interested in undertaking this form of service can find out whether a scheme exists in their area by writing to Michael Sherwin, 23 Mountside, Guildford, Surrey.

KEEP IT DARK!

The Isle of Thanet Gazette reports a Toc H meeting in Minster as follows:

"Minster Branch of Toc H met on Monday for talks,"

was the subject a top secret—or can we all join in?

We've cut out the sob stuff

We *could* give you a lot of horrific details about muscular dystrophy and its effect upon children.

We *could* show you a picture of a young boy in a wheelchair terribly deformed by this as yet incurable disease.

But we're not out to shock you—your practical help is much more important to these children than your emotions. And let's be frank, by practical help we mean MONEY. Our charity finances research at hospitals, universities and research centres in this country and abroad. It's an international race against time.

We don't know how long it will take to find a cure, but we do know medical research costs a lot of money. Please send a donation so that when a cure comes, you will have played a part in that discovery.

*Dept. P3,
Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain,
26 Borough High Street, London, S.E.1.*

WE CAN SUPPLY SPEAKERS AND FILMS

"Ignorance is often the cause of fear and fear the cause of discrimination."

Of all the plays on the initials of Toc H which the ingenious have from time to time invented, *To Conquer Hate* is probably the most striking and apposite. Coupled with the phrase added by Barclay Baron it sums up remarkably well both the immense aim and the down-to-earth method of the Movement. His addition, it will be remembered, was "... but for men to know one another is not difficult but it is half the battle." In the field of race relationships these words at this moment seem tremendously to the point.

With racial and national hatreds building up all around us, more and more often finding expression in violence, the ground-level approach remains almost the only one still open to ordinary men and women who feel themselves caught up in events beyond their control.

Toc H as a Movement has the duty, I think, of constantly examining its central resources to see whether these are being used to the best advantage in the contemporary situation. The Central Executive, as a result of the report of the Marks Enquiry Team, has been doing just that in respect of our freehold properties. The result is that two of our Marks (Mark VI in Birmingham and Mark I in Notting Hill, London) are now committed to new forms of work as centres of community activity in areas where racial tensions are rampant. Full-time members of the Toc H staff are in charge of both operations. Our Bristol Centre has for

long included a flourishing Anglo-Caribbean Club among its activities. Dora Bullivant, our International Secretary, has successfully launched a pilot Theatre Workshop scheme in Hackney, originally based on Prideaux House, which is proving conclusively that the sharing of a common interest, not only in acting but in all the concomitant arts and crafts and skills, is a most effective way of bringing together men and women of differing races and cultures. Theatre Workshops are now being started in a number of other places. On more traditional, but no less valuable, lines many of our Marks in various parts of the country have for long been providing homes from home for a wide variety of men from overseas, including many of different races and colours. Prideaux House in Hackney, for instance, at present has residents from more than 20 different countries. In Putney a new wing was recently added to Mark XX, with the aid of a grant from the British Council, for the special purpose of providing accommodation for students from overseas. The Womens' Association, without the resources of the men in the way of properties, some years ago initiated a hospitality scheme for nurses from overseas which is dealing with an increasing number of girls in a much more personal way. This scheme is now operated through the International Office.

ALEC CHURCHER *Hon. International Commissioner*

our last chance

It needs to be remembered that the non-white population of this country at any one time falls into two main categories—the short-term visitors such as students, apprentices and others who will in most cases return to their own countries on completion of their courses, and the immigrants here to stay and to make a new life for themselves and their families in a new country. Perhaps because it is as a rule easier to do so, we tend, I think, to concentrate our efforts more on the transients than the permanents. Both categories have a right to our understanding and friendship.

Built in Prejudice

I have outlined above some of the ways in which the central resources of Toc H are at present being deployed in the field of race relationships. Other opportunities will undoubtedly arise from time to time and it will be for the International Office to be constantly on the alert to seize them. All require the sustained interest and support of the membership as a whole. But the greatest contribution of all can only be made at Branch level and by members individually. "For men to know one another . . ." may not be always difficult but in this context is not as easy now as when those words were written. Perhaps before knowing one another we would do well to be sure that we know ourselves. Prejudice is sometimes so "built-in" that we are unaware that it exists in us. People who in theory have proclaimed that they are without it sometimes discover, when they are face to face with a racial situation in their own immediate environment, that it comes shamefully to the surface. At this point they begin to try and rationalise it in ways with which we are all too familiar. We are all the products of our

heredity and of our environment and a subconscious prejudice lurks in many of us. Let us first recognise it honestly for what it is and then make sure that it is not allowed to express itself in discrimination. Ignorance is often the cause of fear and fear the cause of discrimination. Should we not be using some of our Branch meetings to try and learn more about the backgrounds, cultures and ways of life of our new fellow-citizens?

And the slow often difficult business of making friends should be going on at a personal level all the time. Sometimes we spoil these attempts by somehow introducing, without being aware of it, an appearance of patronage. No valid human relationship can be built on such terms. Possibly the tried Toc H method of winning people's friendship by asking their help is one that we should persist in. The sharing of a common interest (see the reference to Theatre Workshops above) is another. The answer is not to shelve our personal responsibility by organising functions (which I have heard described as "cups of tea and condescension") except in so far as these may provide a point of contact from which personal invitations to individuals to individual homes may develop. There will be rebuffs and disappointments for there are shynesses and sometimes antipathies on one side or the other to be overcome. Social habits are different and awkwardnesses on both sides are inevitable. But Toc H has a tradition of being able to overcome these. In the 1920's we set ourselves "to lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the evils of class-consciousness". Forty years later it is "the evils of race-consciousness" that should surely be our target. The next few years may well prove to be our last chance.

obituary

We regret to announce the death of the following members;

In March; Christopher J. Trevithick (Plympton). **In April;** Gladys Davies (Deeside), Albert V. Poole (Wisbech). **In May;** David Frame-Stark (Prestwick), Herbert J. Garrett (Crowborough), Vera Lane (Hereford), Cyril Williams (Coomb Cheshire Home). **In June;** Thomas A. Banks (Loughton), Kathleen E. Boulter (Glen Parva), Charles H. Clarke (Bognor Regis), Quentin E. Gurney (E. Anglia Area), Sidney H. Hudson (Higham-Ferrers), Alice Knapman (Totnes), Clive St. L. G. Loveridge (Altrincham), James H. Lynas (Cowes & East Cowes).

and offer our dearest sympathy to relatives and friends.



Elizabeth Wills writes about SHELTER, one of Britain's newest charities, but already one of the best known. Already several Toc H members and Volunteers have played a part in this national campaign for the homeless through one of SHELTER's local groups. SHELTER WEEK in October will provide an opportunity for many more to take part.

BRITAIN'S HOMES

From October 5 to 13 thousands of people from all parts of the country will be taking part in an intensive campaign to draw public attention to the difficulties of families with extreme housing problems, and to raise money that will be used to provide homes for homeless people.

They will be taking part in SHELTER WEEK, which is being organised by SHELTER, the National Campaign for the Homeless, as part of its continuing programme of publicity about the housing crisis.

Among those taking part in the house-to-house collections and other activities that will be organised during the Week will be the members of SHELTER's 137 local groups. Throughout the year these groups of volunteers organise various activities to help SHELTER's work, but during SHELTER WEEK they will make a special effort to organise a large-scale campaign in their area, involving local schools, churches and youth groups.

Everyone concerned with SHELTER is hoping that the Week will continue the three-fold success the organisation has enjoyed since it was set up in December 1966. First, it has been able to bring the facts about Britain's housing crisis, so easily ignored by the mass media, into the headlines. Second, it has raised money—£350,000 in its first year of operation—which has been used to rehouse families in dire need. And third, it has involved a wide range of people, including many young people, in an important and worth while activity.

But despite this initial success, SHELTER knows there is no room for complacency over the housing situation in this country. SHELTER knows that about 5,000 children are in the care of local authorities because of their parents' housing difficulties, that on any one day 12,000 people will be found living in the gaunt and sparse hostels for the homeless provided by local authorities.

facing the grim facts



A whole generation of children will grow up in conditions of poverty and appalling housing far worse than this, unless more energy is devoted to a better deal for them. Photos for this feature by Penny Tweenie. Courtesy SHELTER.

SHELTER knows too that 1,800,000 households are living in dwellings that have been condemned as unfit for human habitation, that a further 4.7 million dwellings are unsatisfactory in some way or another, that over one and a half million people in Britain are living in overcrowded homes, that in all three million families are, in the words of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, "living in slums, near slums or grossly overcrowded conditions."

These are the bald statistical facts of the situation, taken from various Government sources: they give some idea of the immensity of the problem, but little impression of its human implications.

For example, among those included in the overcrowding statistics are 54 people who were discovered living in a condemned house in the Gorbals, Glasgow. They were living in just three flats consisting of four rooms each. In the first were a family of ten, a family of seven and an old man. In the second were a family of six, a family of three, another family of six, a family of four and an elderly couple.

In the third were a family of six, a family of eight and a family of five. All cooked on their coal fires: there was one cold-water tap in each flat: none of the toilets was working, and buckets of water had to be taken on each visit. There were bugs and rats and the house was in a state of unspeakable squalor.

Four of the girls and three of the boys ran away from home: it must be surprising that they were the only ones.

This case was in Glasgow, where some of Britain's worst housing is concentrated: but similar stories, some as bad, can be found in London, Birmingham and Liverpool: in fact nearly every town of any size has its area of poor housing.

Government cannot help

For years Governments have had policies designed to overcome the housing problem, and for years its resolution has been postponed further as some new crisis sets back the country's building programme. In 1965 the Government said in its housing White Paper that it would take between ten and fifteen years to solve the problem, but since then we have had economies and cuts in public spending that are almost certain to postpone this even further.

And during those years many more families are going to endure terrible conditions, which in some cases may lead to a family breaking up. Of course, for the long-term solution it must be the Government and local authorities who play the leading role. But for these emergency cases it will be too late for that: they need help now. This is where SHELTER and the local housing associations with whom it works play their important practical role.

In most large towns there are areas of old houses which, if left unattended, will become slums but which, if taken into proper care, can provide decent homes for some years to come. Local housing associations buy these dwellings, convert them into properly equipped flatlets, and rehouse in them families who have come to their notice as being in desperate need.

It is to help provide the money for this work that SHELTER is engaged in fund-raising. For every £ that is raised the local housing associations are able to raise up to £8 in Government grants, etc., to aid their conversion work. Consequently it costs only £360 of gift income to provide a home for a family; £100 for an old person's flat. But first the £360 has to be raised: that is why SHELTER WEEK is being organised.

The campaign target is £200,000. This will be enough to provide £1,600,000 of housing for families in desperate need. It is a target well worth aiming for.

personality point

John Morris has been appointed to the staff as Warden of Mark XX, Putney. He is joined by his wife, Jane, who is now Housekeeper at the Mark.

Neil McNeil, Regional Staff in Scotland, leaves the staff at the end of August.

Susan Gow who, for the past year, has been a member of the S.E. Regional Team with particular responsibility for Youth Projects leaves us at the end of August and will be returning to Cape Town in September.

Office Moves. The following moves of offices have now taken place:

Toc H Women's Association Headquarters Staff to

15 Trinity Square, E.C.3.

(01-709 0472).

South Eastern Regional Office and Projects Co-ordination to

Crutched Friars House, E.C.3.

(01-709 0472).

Marks Department to

41 Trinity Square, E.C.3.

(01-709 0472).

India War Services Reunion, to meet Alan and Ruth Cowling, will take place on Tower Hill on Saturday, September 21st. Full details from George Bennett, 44 St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent.

it's nice to have them
around

Seventeen patients from Horder Centre, Crowborough were transported by Toc H bus to Marks & Spencer recently, where a third of the staff had agreed to stay behind for an extra hour to serve. None of the staff would accept overtime pay, and you can see from our photograph that the venture was highly successful. As one of the Marks girls said "it's nice to have them around." Photo Kent & Sussex Courier and Tunbridge Wells Advertiser.



newspoint

Barkingside are skittles champions again

Another season of the London Toc H Skittles Tournament has ended with Barkingside beating Camberwell in a close and exciting final. These two teams have been finalists in three of the last four tournaments, Barkingside being the winners on each occasion. Camberwell, however, were the reigning champions, having defeated Leytonstone in the 1967 final. Twenty-seven Branches entered teams in the competition this year—including a mixed team from Chingford Branch.

The Skittle Alley, which is in the basement of 42 Trinity Square, Tower Hill, has been renovated by Les Wheatley and a team of helpers from the London Areas. "It is a pity more use is not made of the Alley," says Ron Reader, "but perhaps this can be remedied by Branches either having 'friendlies' or their own social evenings." Bookings can be made through Ron at 25 Monkwood Gardens, Ilford, Essex.

NO TV FOR THE WOMEN

Until recently the Clackmannan County Hospital had a television set for their male patients but there was no television on the female wards. This struck the men of Alloa Branch, who run a library service at the hospital, as being, in the words of Branch secretary Leslie Morrison, "grossly unfair". Actions speak louder than words and Toc H set about raising some money. As a result Branch members, and hospital librarians, W. McJannet and A. Henderson recently presented Assistant Matron, Miss M. Scott, with a television set for the use of the female patients.

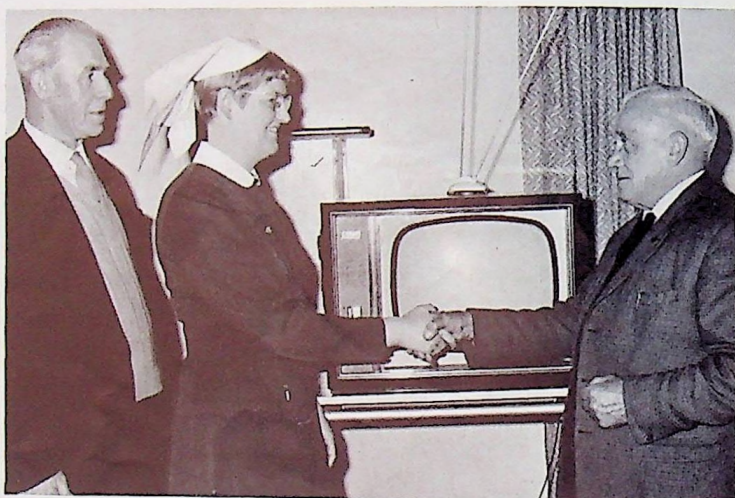
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TALBOT HOUSE, SOUTHAMPTON "UNDER REVIEW"

The committee of the Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Residential Club in Southampton has decided that "for the present the house must continue as it always has, but that the position should be kept under constant review". This is stated in the Club's Annual Report. "The committee is very much alive to the many changes that have come and are to come in the shipping industry. While ships become larger, crews will become smaller and turn round times will be drastically reduced. The committee is deeply concerned about the possible effect of the changes on the need for the type of care and accommodation that we offer."

Elsewhere the Report stresses that "Talbot House is the ideal size for it to achieve its object. It is large enough to produce a community and corporate life which is most important in a venture such as this. It is small enough to enable a staff devoted to the welfare of the boys to know them each and all individually. On these factors the whole work hinges".

The Report states that during the year 7,574 boys were provided with accommodation. "In addition young sailors have frequently visited Talbot House for meals and to make use of the various facilities that are provided. It is considered that Talbot House has served its purpose through the year".



Assistant Matron, Miss M. Scott receives the television set from Mr. A. Henderson while Mr. W. McJannet looks on. Both are members of Alloa Toc H, who presented the set, and Librarians for the hospital.

Photo Clews & Hamilton.

They had a clue

On July 5 the following clue appeared in the Daily Telegraph Crossword: "It throws light on Rex entering the Toc H (5 letters)". In view of Rex Calkin's long association with the Movement the clue was even more appropriate than the compiler of the crossword can have guessed. The answer? "Torch".

All Hallows launches appeal for Biafran refugees

Those who know the Rev. Bob Gibson, the Acting Vicar of All Hallows, will know of his deep concern for the suffering people of Biafra, a concern which has found practical expression in the All Hallows Biafra Refugee Appeal.

At a public meeting organised by the Appeal committee and held recently at the Overseas League, Dr. Anne Seymour calmly and unemotionally outlined the horrifying facts of the situation. She spoke of refugee camps where the rations were one yam for four families for a week. "If the yam was large and the families small it might just make one meal", she said. She spoke of the situation at her hospital where she had faced the terrifying responsibility of choosing from among a group of 90 starving

people the only five whom she had space to treat. And yet ghastly as the facts were one was conscious of a sense of unreality as one listened to her calm voice speaking in the heart of the brown leather seclusion of London's clubland. Then she brought us face to face with the stark facts of the situation by dropping onto the table with a crash a piece of shrapnel that she had taken from a woman's leg.

Bob Gibson told the meeting that very nearly £4,000 had been raised in the past two months. Those present subscribed a further £300 that evening. This initiative has now been rewarded by the fact that OXFAM have undertaken the development of the appeal on a national scale. Toc H can be proud of the part played in this by the Acting Vicar of its Guild Church.

David Frost writes for Westminster Abbey

David Frost is one of the contributors to the first number of an interesting new publication launched by Westminster Abbey. Among the other contributors are John Betjeman, Michael Flanders and Donald Swann, Monica Furlong and the late Bishop Joost de Blank.

The purpose of this new publication, entitled "One", is, according to an Abbey spokesman, "to serve as a follow-up to the 900th Anniversary Year celebrations in 1966, the theme of which was 'One People'."

"One" will be published twice a year, in June and December, and can be obtained through newsagents, price 5/-.

Dancing Policemen

A dance was organised by the Clacton Police Division Sports Club recently to raise money for the Toc H mini-bus appeal and £140 was contributed to the fund. Many thanks to them. We always figured that "beat-training" must be useful for something.

YOUTH TAKES OVER ST. PAUL'S

The Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Reverend Martin Sullivan, has announced that from September 27 until Christmas of this year "the Cathedral will be the platform for young people to show the world what they are doing, saying and thinking".

Inside the Cathedral, on the first three days of each week, there will be a Son et Lumiere. On a specially built stage, choirs, orchestras, stage groups, dancers and pop groups will perform.

In the Crypt there will be displays and exhibitions. "Young Toc H" has been invited to take one stand for the opening and closing fortnights, to be manned by members up to twenty five years of age, and volunteers will be warmly welcomed by Tony Norman at the South Eastern Regional Office.

There will also be an exhibition of paintings. Young people up to the age of twenty five who would like to enter

should advise Tony Norman by the first week in September, giving size, title, cost and name and address.

This whole project promises to be most exciting and Toc H is privileged to be invited to participate. We shall hope to justify the compliment.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IMMIGRATION

The effects of Enoch Powell's recent outburst are beginning to show in the concern by the National Committee for Commonwealth Immigrants for a balanced and increased awareness of the facts surrounding coloured immigration into the U.K.

The committee aims to publish a leaflet entitled "Twenty Questions" shortly which will be an abbreviated form of analysis and useful statistics extracted from a larger work entitled "Facts and figures on Commonwealth Immigrants". Both these pamphlets may be obtained direct from the NCCI, 6, Tilney Street, London W.1.

Seminar that makes sense

In March of this year POINT THREE tackled the problem of failing communication between police and immigrant. At that time we pressed for a higher level of understanding and special training for policemen and women working in areas where there was a high proportion of coloured immigrants. We were told that there was a danger that special consideration would imply that immigrants were to be treated more leniently.

We have now heard that the NCCI has held a pilot one-day seminar for policewomen under training in the metropolitan area to explain differing religion, culture, habits and backgrounds and that as a result further seminars will henceforth be held as part of the formal training programme for policewomen.

As a magazine we are hardly powerful enough to sway the opinions of those who walk 'the corridors of power' but we hope that our fair thinking on the subject has prompted a more determined effort to find solutions to the problem.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

A lightning glimpse of what it is like working behind the scenes of a national women's magazine has been expertly handled in the 20 minute film 'Woman to Woman' produced by Odhams Press on behalf of its magazine 'Woman' and released through the Rank Film Library.

According to the printed leaflets the film, produced in 16 mm, is primarily for women but most men would enjoy it too.

With only 20 minutes running time the very idea of dissecting something as complex as this magazine, which uses 6,500 miles of paper and 95 tons of ink with every issue, becomes a nightmare but this little film whisks the viewer with much excitement through a wide cross section of readers and interests showing tantalizing glimpses of pages being prepared, fashion planning and mannequin parades, without once bogging itself down in too much detail.

The film, in full colour, takes you on a trip around the offices meeting editors and designers: photographers and models: shop owning housewives and yacht owning society girls with brief introductions to household names like Godfrey Winn, Marjorie Proops, Evelyn Home and Veronica Scott.

The action is fast and one is left perhaps a little disappointed that more of some parts were not shown. But as an attempt to capture the excitement of modern magazine journalism, the thrill of creating something from nothing and the pleasure it can give to countless thousands of readers the film is most satisfying and well worth seeing.

The address of the Rank Film Library is 1 Aintree Road, Perivale, Greenford, Middlesex.

What's new?

News pages depend on lively information from all Branches. When did you last send in a news item?

B.A.C. win final of 5-a-side football competition

A team from the British Aircraft Corporation at Weybridge beat Mark XI (Leicester) 4-0 in the final of the five-a-side football competition played at Acton on June 1st.

Fourteen teams took part including Marksmen from Manchester and London, Mobile Action from Woking, the Jewish Youth Voluntary Service from Uxbridge, boys from Red Leys Home and three guest teams from B.A.C.

It was clear from the start that the teams from B.A.C. possessed more skill and a greater knowledge of the requirements of five-a-side football than did others taking part, but play was brisk and energetic and it did not take long for the less skilful to master the short pass and quick burst of speed tactics necessary to excel in this game.

Evidence of this came in the third leg when the lads from JYVS, none of them older than fifteen, beat B.A.C. "B" team by three goals to two.

In the semi-finals an all B.A.C. play-off was averted when Mark XI were awarded a penalty decision in extra time during their game with B.A.C. "C", but the short passing and positional play of B.A.C. "A" team

proved too much for them in the final.

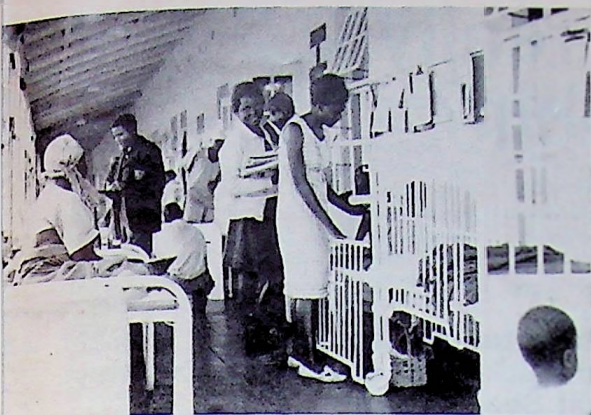
Players in the final were: B.A.C. "A" John Lane, Alan Wilsheer, Ken Young, Bob Quirk and Pete Newman. Mark XI: Roy Bell, Jim Jamison, George Crichton, Dick Smith and Mick Maguire. David Talbot, a resident from Mark II (London), organised the competition, the first of its kind to be organised by Marksmen since the war. Huw Gibbs, Associate Editor, presented the "Leonard Cup" previously awarded for Branch Tug-o-War tournaments, and urged Toc H Branches and groups everywhere to think more of the sporting event as a way of interesting people in what we as Toc H members had to say and the part we could play in society. "There must be plenty of discarded trophies lying around that could be cleaned up and used to encourage people, young and old, to find out more about our Movement" he said, "at one time Toc H was well known for its active participation in sport of all kinds but as the membership gets older this valuable way of communication is dying out". He hoped that the competition would now be played annually, and paid tribute to the organisers of this year's event.

COMBINED OPERATIONS HELP TO GET THE BIG JOBS DONE

Barnoldswick is one Toc H Branch that is convinced of the value of co-operation with other organisations through the Council of Social Service. Branch Secretary, Norman Livsey, illustrates the point by referring to a recent job—the complete redecoration of the home of Mrs. Elsie Younger. "This was too big a job for any one organisation", says Norman, "so we decided at the Council of Social Service to share the job. Toc H did the first stint, a large bedroom. Round Table decorated the living room and kitchen."

Mrs. Younger herself will never see the result of all this hard work. She's been blind for the past 16 years. But she's none the less grateful for that. "Of course I can't see the decorations, but I know they have been done. I want to say thanks a million to everybody in Barnoldswick. People in this town are just wonderful."

A final word from Norman Livsey. "We urge co-operation with Councils of Social Service wherever possible, having found by experience it makes many things possible which would otherwise be beyond our capacity."



A radio request programme and library service is part of a large operation by the Umtali Branch and African Student Mobile Action group at St. Joseph's T.B. Hospital, Umtali. Books and magazines are collected at the public library and, after sorting, are distributed to all patients. At the same time Toc H members man a radio request programme.

Wait for it, wait for it! Members of Coomb Cheshire Home Branch listen for the winning number as the Matron of the Home makes a final dip. Also shown are L to R Llewellyn Williams (Vice-Chairman), Brian Evans (Chairman), David Williams (press) Bill Elliott (Secretary), J. J. Williams. SEATED L to R Hugh Davies (Job-master), Ralph Griffiths and Vic Berry. Photo E.R. Phillips.



An old wine cellar at the Toc H Centre, Swindon, has been converted into the latest Hospital Broadcast Unit. Long famous for its football broadcast, the Centre will broadcast every evening using a twenty man team to cope with the demand for records. Photo Wiltshire Newspapers Ltd

picture point

The Mayor of Leigh has elected Toc H as his charity for the year and the Branch stands to reap rich benefit as a result. It is hoped that a recreational centre for handicapped children can be provided. Our photo shows a cheque for £25 being handed to the Mayor by a Director of Pleasure Foods Limited at a party for children held in a local Wimpy Bar.

Photo. Courtesy J. Lyons Limited.



is Toc H really a fellowship?

"So many Branches today seem to be merely groupings of like-minded men" says Les Wheatley, the Assistant General Secretary of Toc H.

It is a commonplace exercise to compare life now to what it was "in the good old days". The difference is so great as to be almost a change in kind rather than in degree. Relatively speaking life was simple, clearcut, almost unsophisticated, in those days: but only just. The '14-'18 war was the culminating point of an era in English history, with the post-war years an emerging period from a life that had been lived "horizontally" with little significant movement between the different layers that made up society. There was, however, the threat of the seams bursting asunder—socially, industrially, politically, technologically, educationally—through the upsurge of the hopes and aspirations of men. The war itself released some of the inhibitions of the prewar era, and Toc H, through the genius of Tubby, caught something of that release in the overflowing of class divisions through new understanding and new relationships between those who had till then been divided by the barriers of the times. Toc H helped to give shape and form to the idealistic hopes of this new relationship by providing the opportunity for men of all sorts to meet together to discover each other. It was exciting, pioneering work, completely in tune with the hopes of the post-war generation, both in a new relationship and in service to others, an exercise hitherto largely reserved for those who had the time and money, as well as the energy and desire, to serve their fellow men.

In the complex and sophisticated world in which we find ourselves today, idealism has become submerged beneath the self-seeking both of individuals and the masses, brought about largely by affluence and the over-

provision of the comfortable amenities of life.

Where in this kind of society does Toc H find its purpose?

Toc H is at its best when it is out in front, making things happen, striking out in directions inspired by the conviction of its rightness. It is also at its best when dealing with persons and in personal service. These are in fact central to its pledged purpose as a Movement and while the personal is still the hallmark of much of its service, a decreasing membership suggests a lack of success in dealing with persons.

Branch life, that is the regular focal point where the mixture can be exercised, is still the main expression of Toc H and seems likely to remain so. It is at this level that any changes must be applied or fresh purpose injected.

We have come to think of Branches primarily as expressions of fellowship, yet I wonder whether we are not in fact confusing our minds right at the very basic point of our existence? The normal conception of fellowship is of common interest, of like-mindedness, a regard for what binds rather than for what divides. Applied to many of our Branches, it fits rather too well. Compared, however, with the professed purpose of Toc H—the opportunity for men of all kinds of outlook, experience, upbringing, etc to learn to understand one another—we shall see that it is not so much a fellowship as a relationship we are aiming at, a point at which men may bring their differences and establish a relationship because of those differences.

In practice then, what can this changed conception mean? In the early days of Toc H the majority of members were aware by

demonstration and by experience of what Toc H was aiming to do. That aim was a living product of the times, understood and practised by most of its members: it was their programme, an achievable ideal. In contrast so many Branches today seem to be merely groupings of like-minded men (because we don't reveal or exploit our differences for fear of "rocking the boat") experiencing a quite genuine but limited fellowship, welcoming only those who will join us at our valuation of that fellowship. We find ourselves a little lost with men who differ fundamentally from us, because the ideal of mixture is no longer primary for us and we are not geared to cope with the situation. Our meetings are largely designed for entertainment and not as places of revelation, of ourselves to ourselves and ourselves to each other.

Re-establish our Branches as places where whole-life experience is the aim and reason for existence and we shall put right back into our midst that individual practical idealism that can set men alight again as it has done during past years. It will provide incentive, real incentive, for wanting new members; and young people looking for an ideal in a practical setting would be much more likely to find it and be drawn to it than in the pleasant but uninspired and often irrelevant gatherings one is liable to come across today.

It is this kind of relationship that lays the foundation for a "fellowship in depth", built to withstand the strains and stresses of the diverse experience which lies at the heart of Toc H.



THANK YOU FROM MALAWI

This man is a victim of Leprosy. He is being treated in a hospital in Malawi and the plaque behind his bed reads: "This bed has been endowed by the British Leprosy Relief Association in recognition of the invaluable help given both at home and overseas by Toc H in the fight against Leprosy".

Photo. Courtesy LEpra London

"CURIOSER AND CURIOSER"

"Alice in Wonderland"

1. *You may mention the fading and yellowing
leaf,
When you hint at demise to a Troglodyte
Chief;
You may prate of Old Parr who outlasted
five kings,
You may turn to Tithonus whom Tennyson
sings.
But Methusaleh murmurs from deep
diaphragm,
"I am not a young hothead, whatever I am."*
2. *You may argue with Noah, that as for the
Ark,
It was draughty and dismal and dirty and
dark;
And that Coastal Command would prefer
to provide a
Contrivance for slipping an Ararat glider.
But Noah remarks to Shem, Japhet and
Ham,
"I am not a teetotaller, whatever I am."*
3. *You may hint that a Vicar is hoary and old,
And that ways which are long and that
winds which are cold;
Will become an embarrassing item to meet,
In the desolate districts of Great Tower
Street.
But the Vicar replies as he goes a grand
slam,
"I am not an old mummy, whatever I am."*
4. *If the world is an oyster concealing a pearl,
Then a baby's a bivalve, adorned with a
curl;
But a Vicar's a limpet you angrily shake,
And you think him asleep. You may find
him awake!
Once a Welshman at Whitsable swallowed
a clam,
Singing, "Look you! a native, whatever
I am."*
5. *You remind the old boy of the blistering
truth,
That the future belongs to the vision of
Youth;
He replies he is sickened by gup of this kind,
Since to see far ahead you must look far
behind.
Mr. Pickwick remarked in the girls' school,
"Well Sam,
I'm not so short-sighted whatever I am."*
6. *So the sum of this logical lyrical lay,
Is that donkeys do die and Old Sweats
fade away;
But they wait for the whistle to summon
them home,
To the place to which Vicars and donkeys
can come.
Where the Vicar of Bray is the dunce of
the class,
Since he tried to keep pace with the times,
silly ass!*

TUBBY

SNAP!

During negotiations for new accounting equipment at Headquarters our attention was drawn to a piece of machinery produced by National Cash Register Company Limited with the trade name of "POINT 32". Even the dot in the word point was blocked in and the typeface is almost identical to our own. We immediately wrote to the Public Relations Manager pointing out the similarity and received the following reply:

"If we get any applications for Toc H membership, I promise to let you have them. Meanwhile, if you get any orders for cash registers"

A case of—put that in your computer and smoke it!!

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) by the first day of the month preceding publication. The charge is 6d. a word (minimum 6s.). "Point Three", Toc H, 41 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

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